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SENATOR DIERKS: Yeah. The rest of the plants, they don't...they don't have that same incentive.

SENATOR BURLING: The two new plants.

SENATOR DIERKS: Yeah. The wording is "receive production incentive credits"...

SENATOR BURLING: Yes.

SENATOR DIERKS: ... and the only plants that will receive those production incentive credits are the two plants we're talking about in LB 536.

SENATOR BURLING: Yes.

SENATOR DIERKS: Existing plants don't have those production credits.

SENATOR BURLING: That's true, yeah.

SENATOR DIERKS: So, if LB 536 doesn't pass, this amendment would be moot even if it is attached to LB 620.

SENATOR BURLING: Okay. Thank you very much. Return the time.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Burling. Senator Kremer, on the Dierks amendment to LB 620.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. I also oppose the amendment. I think these...the plants should be eligible for the credits just as well as any other industry that's coming on line. If anything, I would rather cut back on the other incentives and go ahead and let them take part in the...on the LB 620 funds. Many of the plants, even the smaller ones, employ at least 30 and more. I would think the average employment would be somewhere around 50 or 60, if you would take into account Blair and MCP, 50 or 60 employees and much more than \$10 million, many of them 20 and 30 million dollars, even the smaller plants. So they would all qualify. I don't see any reason to start off in a different direction for certain